

Students' Society finally under way



The Union building may again be the hub of activity of a McGill campus with a revitalized Students' Society.

By Larry Black

The Students' Society of McGill University has become a reality again, following yesterday's meeting of the University Senate. Senate dealt with all remaining major recommendations and bylaws of the new constitution during the session, after three months of extended deliberation.

Senate, which retains veto power over the decisions of the Society, made few changes in recommendations of the Committee to Restructure Students' Society (CRSS) report, voted on by students last November.

A major point of contention of the last three meetings has been the question of accountability of the new Executive Director of the Society. The Director, who is to manage the University-owned Union building, is to be a Society employee, who may be removed by a three-quarter majority of the Students' Council.

Vice-principal (Academic) Eilgi Pedersen was thwarted in a last ditch effort to reconsider the Executive Director's accountability to the Students' Society. Pedersen's intention was that the position should, "in the short run", be a University post.

Pedersen proposed that for the first few years of operation, the Executive Director should be employed by the University. But Pedersen's assertion that a University-controlled Executive Director was what "the students wanted" and voted for in the

constitution referendum was refuted by CRSS Vice-chairman Roger Balk.

Elections for the estimated 26 council members are to be carried by individual faculties, clubs and representatives by April 1, and will take office June 1.

The Executive of the Students' Council, (President, Treasurer, and two other councillors) will be elected from among the council members during April or May.

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Students' Society:

Upcoming elections

By Ellen Bartlett

The Students' Society is to hold elections for Council within the next few weeks, but Chief Returning Officer Malcolm Balk is pessimistic about the current attitude of faculty undergraduate associations, so important to the process. "Response has been very poor; I feel indefinite about the whole situation."

Balk, who is Vice-president of the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS), co-ordinates and informs the various faculties who are to conduct the elections. He cited a meeting held last Friday to obtain copies of faculty constitutions and listings of their nominations.

"All societies were phoned and informed of the meeting

well ahead of time. But only two faculties, Law and Music, showed up, out of a possible 14. Balk added that he had received one notice of regret from the Nursing rep, who promised to forward the document. "Otherwise, no phone calls, nothing," nothing."

Under the new system, each faculty association is responsible for publicizing and operating elections within its own faculty, combining elections of their Students' Council rep with that of their own Executive.

The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) is to coordinate electoral procedure and insure standards outlined in the Students' Society Constitution. "I rubber-stamp the individual elections and make sure that everything is running smoothly. But things just aren't running very smoothly."

The election process has been hampered by the absence of a working Nomination Committee. Under the new Students' Society Constitution, this committee, chosen by and from Council, administers all elections. The absence of a Council to choose this committee has forced the Acting Executive Director to establish an ad hoc group of himself, Balk and the Advisory Policy Committee (APC).

Balk commented that he had met with Kingdon twice, but had never seen any member of

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ANEQ:

Leftists purged... Student movement to be restructured

By Jennifer Robinson

ANEQ should be less of a battleground for fringe left groups, according to Yves Mallette, Secretary General of the Quebec student organization. L'Association nationale des étudiants du Québec, soon to hold its Sixth General Congress, should increasingly become a central student union in the service of the Quebec student, he said.

Thirty-nine member student associations representing CEGEPS and universities across Québec are expected to attend the weekend congress to be held in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu. Agenda items include the goals of ANEQ and plans to modify the loans and bursaries program. Delegates will also discuss the recent destitution of the PEN (Presse étudiant nationale) executive and the reconstruction of the student press service that, according to Mallette, was "cleansed of its Maoist elements" last month. PEN is the national news service of ANEQ.

In an interview with Le Jour, Mallette explained that he became general secretary of ANEQ following a "putsch" of the former executive, which was dominated by "militant Mao-

ists" affiliated with the "Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist)" and found himself in charge of a completely disorganized" student association.

A drive is on to rebuild ANEQ and establish a solid base for the Quebec student movement. Mallette claimed that in the past ANEQ has appeared divided because of the many arguments between political groups within the association. "We have now decided to attack the students' problems with concrete solutions. We exist to defend student interests in conjunction with other unions, of course". The CEQ (Centrale de l'enseignement du Québec) provides offices for ANEQ and has granted the student organization \$5,000 to get back on its feet.

Mallette added that "the students don't want to be infiltrated. Many student associations have purged the fringe left groups that were paralyzing them". These 'paralyzing' political groups he says include the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) that dominated the executive of PEN and ANEQ; the Canadian Communist League (Marxist-Leninist) that controls the U de M student

newspaper, le Quartier Latin; En Lutte, yet another "groupuscule"; Groupe socialiste des travailleurs du Québec, Groupe marxiste révolutionnaire, and la Ligue socialiste ouvrière, all

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A representative of the Women's Self Help Centre spoke yesterday to the Women's Union of McGill on contraception and male dominance in today's society.

Gilbert Cerat

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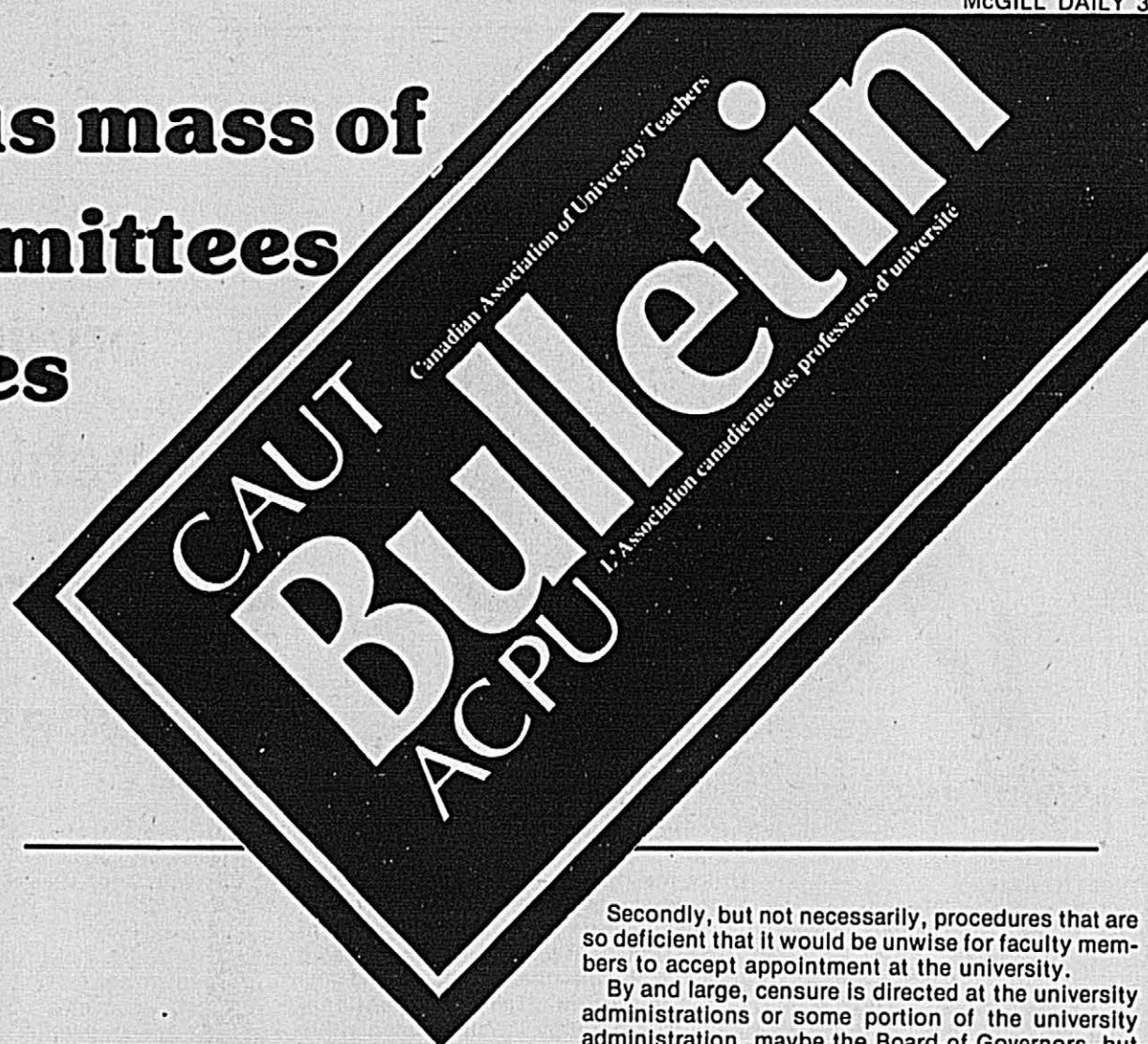
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The Students' Society of McGill University

An amorphous mass of vestigial committees and guidelines



By Katherine Gutkind

The following is an excerpt from an interview the Daily was granted with the Canadian Association of University Teachers. The CAUT is a national umbrella organization of teachers' associations and unions. Its main purpose is to deal with grievances from the academic community.

The interview was arranged with the President of CAUT, Dr. Jill Vickers. Unexpectedly, Victor W. Sim, the Executive Secretary of CAUT, took it upon himself to sit in on the interview and his statements are also recorded below.

Daily: How has the CAUT's Committee of Inquiry into the new McGill tenure regulations arisen?

Sim: It arose out of individual cases. For practical reasons we decided it would be best to separate them. The committee is a joint committee of our McGill affiliate, the McGill Association of University Teachers (MAUT) and CAUT. It isn't joint in the sense of membership, but sponsorship.

Daily: A lot of McGill academics cannot understand why the MAUT is sponsoring this Committee of Inquiry into the tenure regulations, when the MAUT has been called the "instigator" of these unfair regulations. Why is the CAUT sponsoring an inquiry with its affiliate, when the latter is in the dark?

Vickers: I don't think it is appropriate to suggest that the CAUT has been involved in a particular campus response to particular proposals. CAUT, through the legislative bodies, establishes policy-making guidelines. In those policy guidelines, there are certain procedures recommended with regard to the granting of tenure and with regard to dismissals. But, once again, we have to come back to understanding what the basic role of powers of the CAUT are. We are not an organization that has directed locals. We are a confederation of associations. Consequently our relationship to what goes on campus is a matter of cooperative action with the local association.

Daily: Are you adamant about your affiliates implementing your guidelines?

Vickers: No, obviously CAUT doesn't pass guidelines, if they don't think everybody ought to pursue them. Indeed, when a new set of policy guidelines are passed by a majority in the council there is a pretty widespread hope that people will vigorously pursue them. But, this is in no sense a mandatory thing. We have no mandatory powers.

Even if we did have those kinds of powers, we have to recognize the fact that it is the local association negotiating with the local administration that has to achieve those objectives. They are statements of good practice. In many contexts they are hard to achieve.

Daily: Why has the MAUT not implemented the CAUT tenure guidelines, but instead fabricated their own? Would it not be logical for following a national consistency?

Sim: Well, I think first of all every local association, wherever it is, has to do the best it can. If all the CAUT guidelines were accepted and adopted at all the universities, we would disband. There have to be compromises along the way.

In the case of McGill, the new tenure procedures came in. There was obviously some concern about the quality of those procedures, so rather than we making a judgement on the basis of our examination, MAUT and CAUT agreed that we would get a committee of outside academics to look at them and

report and advise everybody at McGill, and the CAUT, whether the procedures are as deficient as some people at McGill are suggesting they are.

Daily: Would the CAUT investigate the actions of its own affiliate, MAUT, in regard to their part played in the tenure regulations?

Vickers: We are not in the position of having mandated local associations. Local associations are confederable members of CAUT and indeed as we indicated before, for someone sitting up here in Ottawa, or someone sitting out at the University of British Columbia, or wherever, to sit down at a distance and say "Aha!" shouldn't be done. It is quite unacceptable.

It is the local association on every campus that has the extremely difficult task of fighting to achieve decent procedures and substantial justice for its members. That is where the responsibility lies. The basic role that CAUT plays is to generate policies, in cooperation with the local association when there seem to be problems setting up committees of inquiries.

Daily: Would the CAUT be able to censure the local affiliate without censuring the university and its administrators?

Sim: Our intention isn't to find out whether MAUT acted wrongly. Everybody can make mistakes or errors of judgement. All we are trying to do in association with MAUT is to find out whether procedures are adequate or not, and if they are not, where should they be improved.

The report is as much to MAUT as to CAUT. I think the correct response would be if members of the McGill community feel the direction of the local association is not what they want, the next time there is an election, to change the direction of the association by electing people who would be more in line with what they would like to see.

Daily: Does the CAUT have affiliations with unions as well as associations?

Vickers: Our membership is composed of three types of associations. Faculty unions, faculty associations, and associate members. We have 171 faculty unions in English Canada.

Daily: Can the CAUT have ties with an affiliate and union on the same campus?

Vickers: You can't have both when there is legal certification. You can only have one agent on a campus. And certification provides for the association the right to be the sole bargaining agent. So, in fact, it would be illegal.

Daily: What are the grounds for censureship?

Sim: Well, I suppose two things. One, an individual grievance case, that is judged by the CAUT council to be sufficiently serious to warrant censure.

Secondly, but not necessarily, procedures that are so deficient that it would be unwise for faculty members to accept appointment at the university.

By and large, censure is directed at the university administrations or some portion of the university administration, maybe the Board of Governors, but not the President (Principal), because they have been unprepared to resolve the grievance.

Daily: Does the CAUT foresee a rise in unionization? **Vickers:** We keep thinking it's peaked, but it never seems to. There seems to be a pretty steady pace at the moment right across the country.

Daily: If unionization overwhelmingly became the majority, would the CAUT become a federation of teachers' unions, or disband?

Vickers: Well, CAUT is already an umbrella organization for its unions. I think that the general feeling across the country is that the academic community better stick together. Indeed, CAUT is a pluralistic organization which should be providing services both of the sort that the unionized locals require, or the non-unionized ones require. They are actually not all that different when you get right down to it.

Daily: Do the unions see a need to come to the CAUT?

Vickers: An increased need in terms of services for bargaining; less need in terms of unresolved grievances.

Daily: How militant can the CAUT be when it is an association of associations rather than an association of unions?

Vickers: We are an association of associations and unions. And at the moment I suppose it is close to fifty-fifty in terms of individual members who are in unionized locals and those who aren't. I don't know whether you are talking about political militancy or militancy in the context of advancing the broad stance of the profession.

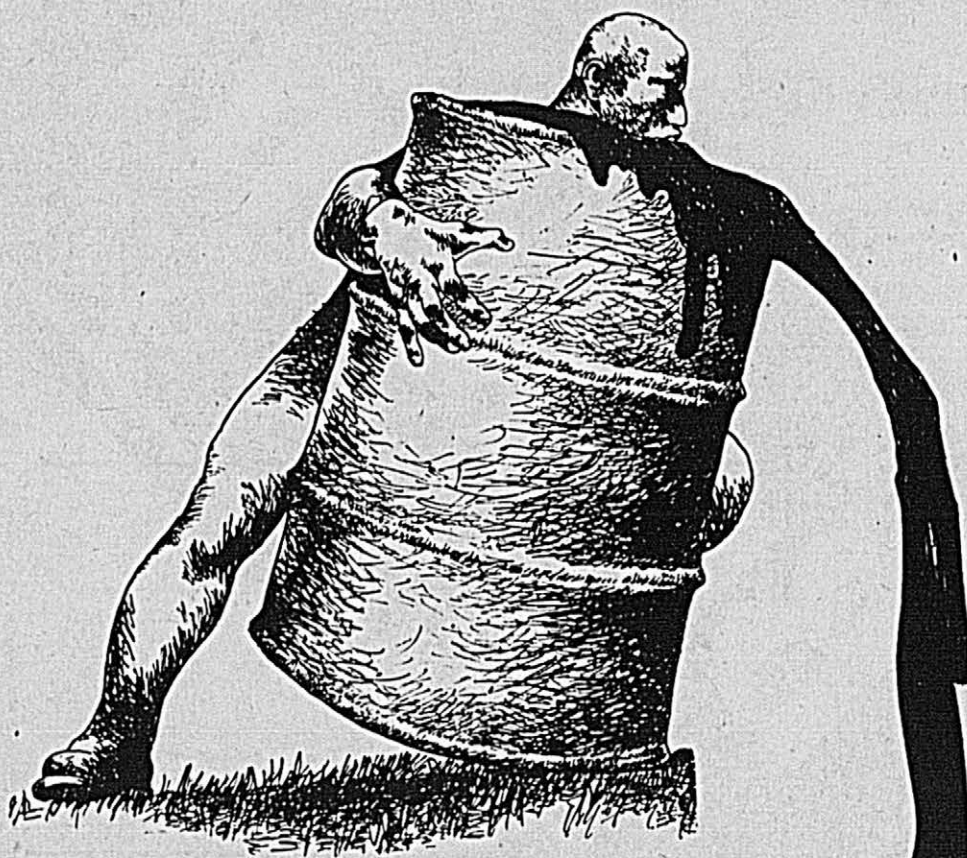
Daily: Do you see the CAUT as effective?

Vickers: In some areas, it is extremely effective. There always has to be a choice of priorities. CAUT isn't in the position of being able to offer legal protection to any member of a local association. The basic role that CAUT has played is to try and provide the protection of moral suasion and moral force and to assist the associations at the local level to develop their own procedures.

Sim: If individual faculty members feel reluctant to speak out because they can't be sure of protection, it doesn't say much for those individual faculty members. Academic freedom does often require a certain amount of courage and all we can say to people is that there are two ways CAUT can help.

First of all because of the credibility of the organization, that we have a good chance of persuading the university that they behaved badly towards the individual. Secondly, if their common-law rights have been infringed, we are prepared to provide legal advice and financial support for action in court. That is quite a bit of protection.

New York Times



Western oil pricing behind energy woes

By Maher H. Kassir

The United States this year has been witnessing one of the severest winters in decades and has had to seriously re-evaluate its policies on energy utilization. Europe is in the grip of inflation and suffering from chronic balance of payments deficits. Both blame the OPEC countries for their woes. Is OPEC really to blame? Or are the Western powers themselves to blame for their troubles?

Oil pricing

Since World War II, the industrialized countries have been used to consuming — and wasting — energy at very low prices, with oil selling from \$1 — \$2 per barrel. The facts show that consumption of energy can be made very much more efficient in most countries. For example, in order to manufacture 1 ton of paper, the Spanish factories consume one-third of the energy used by Canadian and Norwegian mills. At an equal rate of production, the German and Italian steel plants are twice more economical, in terms of energy, than those of the U.S. and Canada.

The responsibility for such waste falls on the pricing policy followed by the Canadian and U.S. governments. A barrel of crude oil produced by the old American wells is still sold at \$5.25. Both the American Congress and Senate, preoccupied with maintaining their power, did not propose increases in energy prices. Hence, for example, small cars are still unpopular among Americans, despite the fact that gasoline constitutes 53% of the total consumption of petroleum products in the U.S., 42% in Canada, but only 16% in France.

Oil pricing can no longer be considered a simple negotiable matter between the buyers and sellers. The existing sources of energy are not sufficient to sustain the increase in demand for oil at the old prices. A real crisis can occur in a few years from now. The production of oil will most probably start to decrease in the OPEC countries perhaps even as soon as 1985—1990. It is expected that virtually all the present known conventional oil reserves will run out during the next 50 or 60 years. American reserves are expected to be depleted between the years 2000 and 2010 and that only on the assumption that there will be modest increases in consumption and high imports — North Sea reserves may last a little longer, but

not much; even those of Saudi Arabia could end by 2030.

Meanwhile the development of substitutes for oil has been progressing at a negligible rate. The estimated cost of production of non-conventional sources of energy has quadrupled within three years. From \$7 a barrel in terms of oil in 1973, it jumped to \$24—27 in 1976; e.g. more than double the present oil prices.

In 1975, oil constituted 53% of the consumption of energy in the Western world. It will continue to represent more than 50% in 1985. Of the conventional sources of energy besides oil, coal is the most important. In 1937 it constituted 73% of the energy consumption in the West, today it only constitutes 19.5%. Although the exploitable reserves are very important, 420 billion tons in terms of oil e.g. more than the quadruple of the oil reserves, the outlook is not very optimistic. In 1985 coal will still constitute 20% of all energy consumption. (The main non-conventional sources are the bituminous sands of Alberta which could contain up to 40 billion tons of exploitable oil.)

Despite present oil prices, the cost of developing alternate sources of energy is monumental. Western governments do not find it economically feasible to develop alternate sources in the light of yesterday's relatively low oil prices. And if alternate sources were not to be developed seriously, could nations be guaranteed a supply of energy? No politician, and no economist will dare propose a viable policy for alternate sources of energy as long as oil prices remain at their present level.

President Nixon's Project of Energy Independence adopted in 1974 seems to have died a quick death. Every subsequent estimate of American energy requirements tends to show a growing dependence upon imported oil with hardly a pretense of home alternative sources filling even part of the gap. The Federal Energy Administration indicated in its first quarterly report for 1976 that the U.S. imports of oil have risen to 41% of the total oil consumption from a level of 23% in 1970. A new study made by the Library of Congress concluded that two years from now the U.S.A. will have to import 50% more than it does today.

The nine members of the European Economic Community, have given up their objective of attaining a 40% level of

dependence on oil by 1985. According to the study submitted by the Brussels Commission to the members of the EEC, imported oil will constitute 45% of their energy supply by 1985, far behind the initial objective of 37%.

Recycling the cost

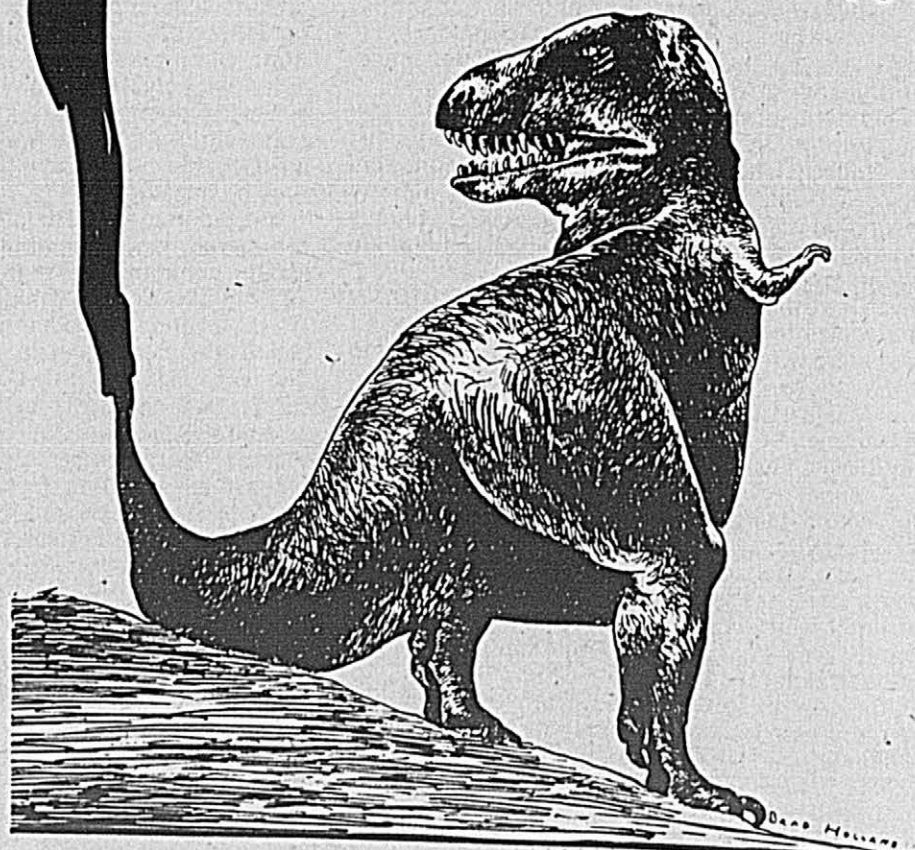
To those Western nations that have laid the blame of their continuing recession at the doors of OPEC, one can only say that much of the extra money paid to the oil producers has gone straight back to the major consumers in purchases of goods and services and in the form of investments in the West. Western-dominated bodies such as the International Monetary Fund have obtained substantial loans from OPEC members for so-called recycling operations. Indeed recycling has become a new Western term for ways and means of attracting back into the West the extra money that has been paid for OPEC oil.

One aspect of recycling is the extent of OPEC purchases from the West. For example, according to the *Financial Times*, Middle East and North African countries will invest \$71.6 billion in the five years to 1980 on oil refineries, petrochemical and fertilizer plants and gas facilities. To build such a petrochemical infrastructure, the 19 countries concerned will spend in foreign currency \$55.1 billion on equipment and \$11 billion on services. Industrialized countries will reap the initial harvest from such expenditure. An analysis of 50 contractors which have won most of the business shows that United States companies comprise 28% of those involved and have 55% of project values. Germany with 14% of companies involved and 14% of project values, leads the European countries.

The import price index for the 13 member nations of OPEC has risen from a base of 100 in January 1975 to 187 by the end of the year. In June 1976, the index reached 204. Within two-and-a-half years import prices more than doubled — the purchasing power of oil revenues there by being halved. For the same period the price of oil rose by only 10 percent.

The U.S. Treasury had estimated that the major oil-exporting countries will accumulate about \$44,870 million during 1976 and that this will be invested in the U.S.A. and elsewhere. This Treasury projection assumed that OPEC members will have something like \$13,000 million more to invest in 1976

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MCEUS:

McGill Chinese Engineering Undergraduate Society Election 6 pm, Room 204 McConnell. Refreshments and movie. Come. Your vote will be decisive. Bring I.D.

Term paper workshop:

Methods of term paper research will be covered along with hints on how to write your paper. 3 pm at the Redpath Undergraduate Library, Info desk. Further info: 392-6776, Reference Department.

Union pub:

Opens at 4 pm until 12 pm with recorded music all night. Happy hour from 4 to 6 pm. See you there.

Men's Rugby Club:

Practice will be held for all interested in playing rugby for McGill this spring at 8:00 pm tonight in the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gym. Regrets only — Tim Perry 284-8632.

Women's Union:

There will be a meeting at 7:30 pm in Rm 425. It is very important for those interested in next year's organization to attend.

English Literature Association:

Dept. Assembly meeting today at 4 pm in the Leacock Council room (8th floor). Assembly members must attend.

Attention Genetics 274A students:

Would those of you who were enrolled in the course please phone Harvey to discuss a very important matter regarding the course. Phone any time. 737-8592.

Teenage monster:

The Biology Students Union presents Mel Brooks' film "Young Frankenstein" at 7:30 in Stewart Biology Bldg. S1/4. Admission 50 cents. All proceeds to the Greenpeace "Save the Seals" campaign.

PSA nominations:

Now being accepted for following positions on 1977-78 PSA Exec. Council: President, Vice-president, Secretary-Treasurer, two Reps-at-Large. Forms available in L 434. All students taking at least one poli sci course eligible to run for office. Deadline: March 17.

Attention graduating students:

Only 5 days left to have your graduation photos taken; must be taken at Van Dyck & Meyers Studios, 1121 Ste. Catherine St., just west of Peel. Yearbooks may be purchased directly from Van Dyck & Meyers or at the Union Box Office. For further information call Old McGill '77 at 392-8990.

April showers brings booze and flowers:

Last day to apply for liquor permits for April. Permits needed for all events serving wine, beer, or liquor. Apply at the Special Events Office, 3587 University St.

McGill Journal of Political Economy:

Meeting in Redpath Drop-In Centre, 12:15 pm for anyone interested in working on second Journal. Articles should be left in ESA mailbox, Leacock 434. Copies of first issue available free in Leacock 434, McGill, Mansfield and The Word bookstores.

Folk Shrink:

"Ain't nobody got the blues like me". Music, film and discussion on depression with Montreal folk-singer Penny Lang and Tom Furlong, professor of psychiatric nursing. Leacock 12 7:30-10 pm. Presented by the Student Christian Movement, Flow Door. Free. For info: 392-4947.

McGill Players — Players' Theatre:

Today through Sunday 13th, the McGill Players present FOR BETTER OR WORSE, an evening of three one-act plays united in a common domestic theme, including Twenty Seven Wagons Full of Cotton by Tennessee Williams, A Slight Ache by Harold Pinter, and A.R. Gurney's The Golden Fleece. Tickets are \$3.00 general admission and \$1.50 for senior citizens and students. Curtain time is 8 pm; 392-8926 or 392-8989 for reservations.



Music Faculty concert:

MARC FOURNEL, flute, student of Jeanne Baxtresser, accompanied by Conrad Grimes, harpsichord, and Henry Renglich, piano. Works by Bach, Godard, Messiaen. SAXOPHONE QUARTET, direction: Abe Kestenberg. Works by Gibbons, Joplin, Bozza, Frackenhohl, Conley. 1 pm — free. Recital Room C209, 555 Sherbrooke West. Info: 392-8224.

McGill Film Society:

Tonight: a very special event. Avant-garde films such as Canadian Pacific by David Rimmer, The Performancer by Lois Siegel, La Jetée by Chris Marker and many more exciting films in Leacock 132 at 8 pm. \$1.00.

Epistemology Series presents: Jerome Rousseau speaking on "Concept of Mind" L738 at 4 pm.

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Labour Notes

By Marie Poirier

Inaugural address and labour policies

The Parti Québécois government in Tuesday's inaugural address, promised a reform of the Labour code; insurance of basic working conditions for non-unionized workers, improvement of security and health conditions in industry and an "economic summit" with the government, management and the unions.

These projects have become one of the government's priorities for the session. The Premier did not mention the controversial anti-scab law that would forbid employers to continue production with non-unionized employees during a legal strike. The idea irritated employers who claimed that it would discourage investment in Quebec, because Quebec would be the only place in North America to have such a law.

Reactions from unions are mixed. While they applaud the long-needed projects on job security and indemnities for sickle victims, they find that fighting unemployment is not emphasized enough.

As for their participation at the economic summit, the Fédération des Travailleurs du Québec (FTQ) is ready to cooperate with the government and management to control inflation. The Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux (CSN) and the Corporation des enseignants du Québec (CEQ) are more hesitant. Ordinarily they would view the government as an opponent, but now, for the first time since the Quiet Revolution, the government claims to be favourable to the unions.

Some trade unionists, like those at the Conseil Central of the CSN, see government collaboration as an "illusion" that won't solve the problems of the workers.

Prevent unionization for \$495.

If you are a businessman and want to prevent unionization in your "entreprise", the Advanced Management Research (AMR International) from New York will give you some advice. They will hold a seminar in Montreal next week on "How to make unions unnecessary". For the sum of \$495, you will learn how to demonstrate to your employees that they don't need unionization. Four hundred and ninety-five dollars is a small sum for all the benefits it will bring in the future...

A Big Mac attack on workers

In the United States, the minimum wage is about \$2.50 an hour. The biggest lobbyist in Congress to keep the minimum wage as low as possible is the restaurant chain, McDonald's.

Their employees are almost exclusively part-time students or young workers under 20. The company knows that these people need the money and that unionization is difficult because of age, high turnover, and the part-time status of most of the employees. They are ready to accept a low wage, because unemployment among this age group is the highest in the country.

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McGill, and Dr. Herda Gutmann, Director of Family Services, Psychiatry, Jewish General Hospital and Department of Psychiatry, McGill, 8 pm, Leacock 26.

Elections...

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the APC. "We have busy schedules, and it's difficult to get together," he explained.

Elections for the Students' Council and the undergraduate societies are not the only ones to be held — Student representatives to the Senate and the Board of Governors, originally to be scheduled with the Society elections, are to be held separately at a later date.

Time seems to be an important factor in the success of the elections. "Each faculty has to do its own advertising,

nominating, and electing before April 1st." Whether or not elections in these faculties are proceeding smoothly is unknown to Balk, but he says he plans to find out within the next few days.

Society...

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According to Acting Executive Director G. Sam Kingdon, who has been administering the Society as trustee since last September, the Advisory Policy Committee will be dissolved as soon as Council takes office.

A search committee is to be established by the Nominating Committee of Senate to find an executive director to replace Kingdon, who does not plan to apply for the position. "I have other fish to fry," he mused.

ANEQ...

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Trotskyite fringe groups; and a whole range of other groups spanning the scale from left to right.

Mallette reported that he is to meet with Jacques-Yvan Morin, Minister of Education, this week to discuss the Nadeau and GTX reports of CEGEP reform and the loans and bursaries program, which Mallette feels is inadequate.



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Oil prices...

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than the year before. These calculations were based on the assumption that there will be no oil price rise during the year, which could lead to a still greater surplus for investment.

In 1975 the total income of the OPEC states came to about \$98,400 million. In the first three quarters of 1975 OPEC countries, according to the U.S. Treasury, placed about 15% of their funds — \$4,500 million — in the U.S.A.; by the end of November the figure had risen to \$4,700 million which was in government securities, corporate stocks and bonds and long-term bank deposits. During this period OPEC members bought something like \$1,200 million of U.S. company stocks. In addition they channelled a further \$7,500 million into the Euro-banking market; \$4,000 million as loans or grants to developing countries and a further \$3,000 million into bond issues of organizations such as the World Bank or the IMF. Finally, the Treasury estimated, in 1976 OPEC

spent about \$67,300 million on imports. In 1975 the figure was \$56,100 million.

The fall in the value of the U.S. dollar is the means by which the U.S. is lowering the real prices of oil, the oil bills being paid in U.S. dollars. The revenues from the sale of oil to OPEC countries are reaped through the devaluation of the dollar. Between the 1st of January and the 10th of April 1975 the U.S. dollar dropped by an average of 6% relative to the currencies of OPEC members. And from 1973 to 1976 the dollar devalued by an average of at least 17% relatively to the same currencies. This necessitates modification of oil prices, to compensate for this reduction in the real revenues from oil.

International aid

In 1976 OPEC members were devoting at least 3% of Gross National Product to development assistance while the industrial countries provided only 0.36% of the GNP to "development assistance". During 1975, OPEC aid only came to \$5 billion and future commitments rose to \$9 billion. Grants,

loans and other overseas aid by Saudi Arabia amounted to \$4.65 billion by February 1975. Furthermore, the estimated net aid disbursements from Kuwait constituted 4.8% of GNP in 1973. Including World Bank bond purchases, Kuwait's official net flows amounted to between 6 and 10% of GNP in recent years, to which should be added sizeable private investments in a number of developing countries, making Kuwait by far the world's largest donor in relation to GNP.

In conclusion

Accusations against OPEC are groundless. The Western politicians avoid popular agitation against their flagrant mismanagement of their economies by pointing at those wily Orientals of the oil cartel.

The US is the major benefactor of any increase in the price of oil. In 1974 the percentage share from the flow of OPEC surplus funds constituted 19% for the US, 12.5% for Britain and only 9% for other developed countries. Furthermore the greater dependence of Europe and Japan on imported energy in

comparison with the US magnifies the impact of oil prices on their balance of payments. This is very clearly shown in the ratio of energy imports to GNP and total energy consumption. So a higher price for oil is for the US a means of readjustment of power relations with Western Europe and Japan in favour of the US.

The petroleum index price change should be viewed over a long period of time. Prices were previously determined by multinationals acting according to their self-interest rather than that of the producing countries. Oil prices actually declined relatively to other commodities during 1950—1970. The recent oil price increase then was just an adjustment—bound not to recur in this manner—since future changes will be regular and will reflect the real economic value of oil.

The same US politicians who are blaming OPEC for its injustice toward the American economy from June to August 1973 — doubled the price of wheat, within one month, from June to August 1973 — from \$2.50 per bushel to \$5.03 per bushel.

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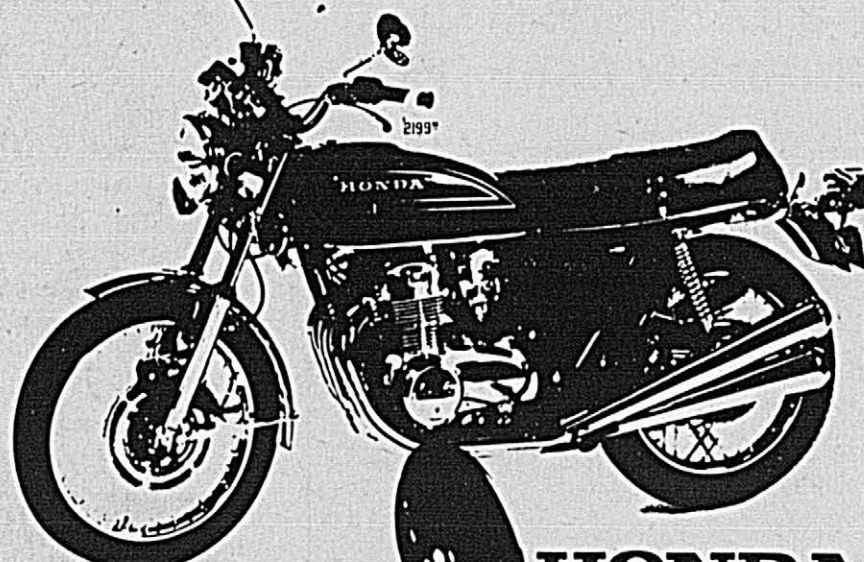
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